Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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Federal-State Joint Board)	
On Universal Service)	
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Aventure Communication Technology, LLC)	
Petition for Waiver of Sections 54.307(c) and)	WC Docket No. 96-45
54.802 of the Commission's Rules)	
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PETITION FOR WAIVER

Aventure Communication Technology, LLC ("Aventure"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to section 1.3 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, respectfully requests that the Commission waive the line count filing deadline set forth in sections 54.307(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.307(c). Good cause exists to grant the requested waiver: absent a waiver of the filing deadline, Aventure will not receive the high cost funds for one entire quarter. Aventure depends upon the high cost funds to provide service to its end user customers in high-cost, rural areas.

I. BACKGROUND

Aventure provides residential telephone service to consumers predominantly located in rural and underserved areas in Iowa and South Dakota. On March 6, 2006, the Iowa Utilities Board designated Aventure as a rural eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in the state of Iowa. As an ETC, Aventure currently receives support under the High Cost Program, including high cost loop support, local switching support, and interstate common line support. For the first

quarter of 2008, USAC projects that it will provide Aventure with almost \$800,000 in high cost support.¹

Aventure has an on-time performance filing record. Since being designated as a rural ETC nearly two years ago, Aventure has timely filed each of the required quarterly line count filings (FCC Form 525). Due to an unintentional oversight, however, Aventure missed the December 30, 2007, filing deadline in which to submit FCC Form 525. On January 11, 2008, just twelve days after the filing deadline, Aventure discovered the error and immediately submitted the FCC Form 525 with the correct line count information to USAC.² On February 1, 2008, Aventure reviewed USAC's projected High Cost Support table and discovered that it was not slated to receive any High Cost Support for the second quarter of 2008. Aventure immediately contacted USAC, and the USAC representative stated that USAC had received Aventure's form after the deadline and directed Aventure to contact the Commission for a waiver of the filing deadline.³

II. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE FILING DEADLINE

Good cause exists for granting Aventure a one-time waiver of sections 54.307(c) of the Commission's rules, and for directing USAC to accept Aventure's FCC Form 525 twelve days late. Section 54.307(c) directs competitive ETCs to file line count data quarterly. In particular, by December 30 of each year, the competitive ETC is required to submit line count data using

See Universal Service Administrative Company, High Cost Support Projected by State by Study Area, First Quarter 2008, Appendix HC01, at 8.

Declaration of Brad Chapman, CFO, ¶ 6 (hereinafter "Chapman Declaration") (attached hereto as Exhibit 1); see also FCC Form 525: Competitive Carriers High Cost Data Submission filed by Aventure Communication Technology, USAC SPIN 143030811 (Jan. 11, 2008) (attached hereto as Exhibit 2)

³ Chapman Declaration, ¶ 9.

FCC Form 525 as of June 30 of that same year.⁴ Aventure merely missed the filing deadline by twelve days. Aventure will be detrimentally affected unless it obtains the High Cost Support. Given the substantial economic affect, the short filing delay, and Aventure's remedial actions, good cause exists for granting Aventure a one-time waiver of the filing deadline set forth in section 54.307(c).

The Commission has the authority to grant a waiver for good cause shown.⁵ In particular, the Commission may waive a rule "where particular facts would make strict compliance inconsistent with the public interest." Waiver is appropriate if "special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule and such deviation will serve the public interest."

Good cause exists for granting Aventure's waiver. In Cellular South Licenses, Inc.

Petition for Waiver of Section 54.802(a), the Commission found that good cause existed for granting a waiver of the line count filing deadline. In granting Cellular South's petition for

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 54.307(c)(3).

⁴⁷ C.F.R. § 1.3 (stating, "[t]he provisions of this chapter may be suspended, revoked, amended or waived for good cause shown, in whole or in part, at any time by the Commission, subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and the provisions of this chapter. Any provision of the rules may be waived by the Commission on its own motion or on petition if good cause therefore is shown.").

⁶ Northeast Cellular Telephone Co. v. FCC, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (citing WAIT Radio v. FCC, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969)).

⁷ See id.

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Cellular South Licenses, Inc., Petition for Waiver of Section 54.802(a) of the Commission's Rules, 21 FCC Rcd 9165 (2006) ("Cellular South Licenses, Inc").

waiver, the Commission noted that Cellular South remedied the oversight of the missed deadline immediately, filing the necessary information within fourteen days.⁹

In the present case, Aventure similarly took measures to file its FCC Form 525 immediately as soon as it discovered that it had not been filed, sending the document to USAC on January 11, 2008. ¹⁰ If the Commission does not grant the waiver, then Aventure will be denied High Cost Support for the second quarter of 2008. USAC has projected Aventure will receive almost \$800,000 in High Cost Support for the first quarter of 2008. ¹¹ Aventure estimates that it would be eligible to receive at least that same amount in the second quarter of 2008. ¹² Aventure relies on this money to be able to provide quality services to its current end user customers and to be able to build out its network to serve future customers. ¹³ Failure to receive this funding for the second quarter of 2008 would have a substantial detrimental effect on Aventure's operations for the second quarter of 2008 and going-forward as Aventure realizes the repercussions of not receiving nearly \$800,000 in support.

The public interest would be served by granting the waiver, and denying Aventure funding would unduly punish a good actor and its end user customers. Indeed, the Commission granted a waiver to Verizon under similar circumstances noting that to deny Verizon's request and instead impose "strict enforcement of the filing deadline would disproportionately penalize

⁹ Cellular South Licenses, Inc., \P 9.

Chapman Declaration, ¶ 6.

See Universal Service Administrative Company, High Cost Support Projected by State by Study Area, First Quarter 2008, Appendix HC01, at 8.

Chapman Declaration, ¶ 4.

Chapman Declaration, ¶ 5.

Verizon when considered in light of its actions to remedy the error."¹⁴ In granting Verizon's waiver petition, the Commission recognized that the loss of funding could affect the high-cost areas that Verizon served. The Commission also acknowledged that Verizon immediately took steps to remedy the missed filing deadline, and that Verizon instituted internal procedures to prevent future mistakes. On balance, the Commission concluded that the public interest would be served by granting the waiver.¹⁵

Similarly, in the present case, Aventure acted in good faith by swiftly attempting to remedy its filing error and by instituting internal checks and balances to prevent the error from occurring in the future. As soon as Aventure determined that an employee had missed a filing deadline, Aventure acted quickly to submit the FCC Form 525 to the Commission, filing the Form 525 only twelve days late. ¹⁶ Up until this time, Aventure has made timely filings to USAC. Aventure has taken measures to prevent it from missing future filing deadlines. Aventure has demoted the employee responsible for missing the filing deadline, and has assigned filing responsibilities to another employee. Aventure also has instituted additional measures to ensure that the responsible employee files all forms on time, including, for example, an internal

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Verizon Communications Inc. Petition for Waiver of Section 54.802(a) of the Commission's Rules, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 10155, \P 7 (2006) (granting Verizon's petition for waiver of the line count information when Verizon filed two days late due to internal reorganization) ("Verizon Petition for Waiver").

¹⁵ Verizon Petition for Waiver, ¶¶ 8-10.

¹⁶ Cf. Cedar Valley Communications, Inc., Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.307(d), 54.904(d), Order, DA 08-41 (rel. Jan. 8, 2008) (failing to file the line count report until five months after the due date).

calendar with checks by management.¹⁷ Therefore, it is in the public interest to grant Aventure's petition for waiver and to accept the late-filed line count data.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Aventure respectfully requests that the Commission grant this petition for waiver of the FCC Form 525 filing deadline and accept Aventure's late-filed FCC Form 525.

Respectfully submitted,

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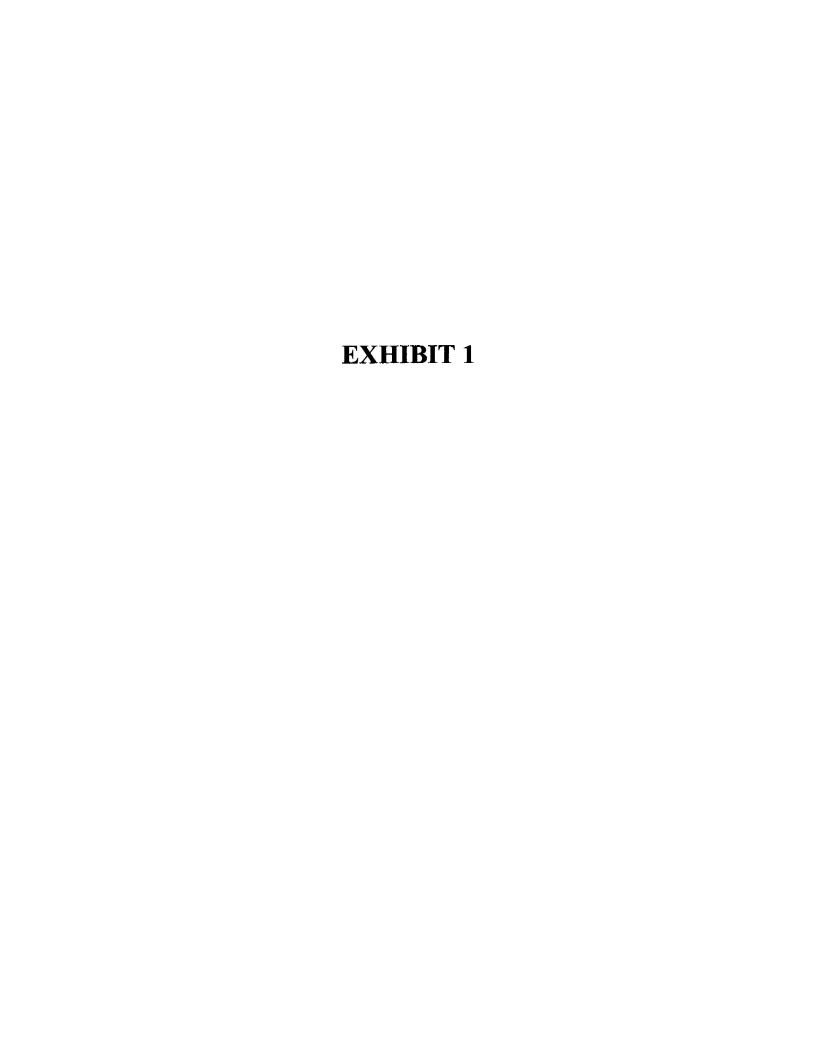
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¹⁷ Chapman Declaration, ¶ 10.



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DECLARATION OF BRAD CHAPMAN

I, Brad Chapman, am over 18 years of age, hereby declare:

- 1. My name is Brad Chapman. I am the Chief Financial Officer of Aventure Communication Technology, LLC ("Aventure"). I am making this declaration in support of Aventure's Petition for Waiver of Sections 54.307(c) and 54.802 of the Commission's rules.
- 2. The Iowa Utilities Board designated Aventure as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") on March 6, 2006.
- 3. Aventure obtains High Cost Support from the Universal Service Fund. Specifically, Aventure obtains high cost loop support, local switching support, and interstate common line support.
- 4. Since Aventure began to obtain High Cost Support in September, 2007, the amount of high cost support has risen steadily to nearly \$800,000. Aventure previously has submitted all required filings on time.

- 5. Aventure relies on the High Cost Support funds that it receives. In accordance with its obligations under the Commission's rules, Aventure uses the High Cost Support to provision, maintain, and upgrade its facilities. Aventure relies on the funds that it receives so that it can improve its network and provide competitive choice in the rural areas Aventure serves.
- 6. On Friday, January 11, 2008, Aventure discovered that the employee tasked with submitting the required line count information (FCC Form 525) due on December 30, 2007, had failed to submit FCC Form 525 to USAC. On that same day, Aventure immediately submitted the form to USAC for delivery on Monday, January 14, 2008.
- 7. Aventure did not receive any information from USAC that USAC had denied the late-filed form.
- 8. On February 1, 2008, I reviewed USAC's quarterly filing with the FCC in which it identified the amount of proposed High Cost Support that each ETC would receive for the second quarter of 2008. During that review, I discovered that Aventure was not slated to receive any funds for the second quarter of 2008.
- 9. I immediately called USAC to ask why Aventure would not be receiving any funds for the second quarter of 2008. I spoke with Tony Pusateri who confirmed that USAC indeed received Aventure's FCC Form 525 on January 14, 2008. Mr. Pusateri stated, however, that USAC was unable to accept the form, because it was filed after the deadline, and directed Aventure to file a waiver petition with the Commission.

10. Aventure has taken remedial actions to prevent any future filing errors or omissions. Aventure has demoted the employee responsible for submitting the filings. Aventure also has instituted a system of internal checks, including an internal calendar with management oversight, to prevent future mistakes.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 11th February, 2008.

Brad Chapman

Chief Financial Officer

Aventure Communication Technology, Inc.

EXHIBIT 2

COMPETITIVE CARRIERS HIGH COST DATA SUBMISSION

(2) USAC Service Provider identification Numb	er (SPIN):	143030811	Do Not Write in this Area: For Administrator's Use Only
(3) Company Study Area Code: (First time filers le	eave blank and a Study Area Code will be assigned)	359094	
(4) Study Area Name:	Aventure Communi	caitons	
(5) Company Legal Name: Aventure	Communication Technology, L.L.C.		
(6) Filer 499 ID:			
Check Box if this is a new address/contact from a	previous data submission:		
(7) Mailing Address:	401 Douglas St. STE 406, Sioux	City, IA 51101-1471	
(8) Contact Name:	Douglas Furlich	General Manager	
(10) Telephone Number:	712-252-380)	

(12) Mechanism for which you are requesting support:	(13) Lines Reported as of:	(14) Typ	e of Filing	(15) Worksheet to Complete	
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Local Switching Support (LSS)	6/30/2007	Х		Complete HCL and LSS	
Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS)	6/30/2007	X		Complete ICLS Worksheet	
High Cost Model Support (HCM)				Complete HCM Worksheet	
Interstate Access Support (IAS)				Complete IAS Worksheet	

HIGH COST LOOP (HCL) AND LOCAL SWITCHING SUPPORT (LSS) LINE COUNT WORKSHEET

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FCC Form 525 High Cost Mechanism Competitive Carrier Line Count Report

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING FCC FORM 525 ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer or Employee as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported in FCC Form 525, Line Count Behalf of Reporting Carrier	Report for Competitive Carriers, on
I certify that I am an officer or employee of the reporting cerrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the ac Form 525; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form is accurate.	ctual line count data reported on FCC
Name of Reporting Carrier: Aventure Communications	
Service Provider Identification Number: 143030811	
Signature of authorized officer or employee:	Date: January 11, 2008
Printed name of authorized officer or employee: Douglas Furlich	
Title or position of authorized officer or employee: General Manager	
Telephone number of authorized officer or employee: { 712 } 252 - 3800 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting CETC 359094 Filing Due Date for this form (12/31/2007)	
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 19 imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	34, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or

FCC Form 525 High Cost Support Mechanism Competitive Carrier Line Count Report

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING FCC FORM 525 ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent). 525 on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an efficer or employee of the recurring of the actual line count data provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of authorized agent is accurate.	
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Certification of Agent Authorized to File FCC Form 525, Line Count Report for Competitive Carriers, on Behalf of Reporting Carrier I, as agent for the reporting carrier, cortify that I am authorized to submit the information reported on FCC Form 525 on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the line count data reported herein based on actual line count data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate. I also certify that I will provide copies of the line count filling to the reporting carrier within 15 days. Name of Reporting Carrier: Aventure Communications Name of Authorized Agent: Signature of authorized agent or employee of agent: Date Printed name of authorized agent or employee of agent: Title or position of authorized agent or employee of agent; Telephone number of authorized agent: (ext. Filling Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy) Study Area Code of Reporting CETC 359094 Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 603(b), or fine or imprisonment under Tible 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

FCC Form 525 High Cost Support Mechanism Competitive Carrier Line Count Form

FCC Form 525 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 January 2005

NOTICE: Sections 54.307(b) and 54.802(a) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all competitive eligible telecommunications carriers to provide line count information to USAC, the universal service Administrator, in order to be eligible to receive support. Pursuant to Sections 54.307(c) and 54.802(a), this information must be submitted by support mechanism on a quarterly basis in accordance with the incumbent carrier's line count reporting schedule. This collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §254. The data in the form will be used to calculate the amount of support, if any, that each reporting carrier is eligible to receive from the High Cost support mechanisms.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, 5 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Washington, D.C. 20554, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0986). We also will accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov. Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED DATA COLLECTION FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

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The Commission is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request in this form. We will use the information that you provide to determine High Cost support amounts for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a statute or a Commission regulation, rule, or order, your form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order. In certain cases, the information in your form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice, court, or other adjudicative body when (a) the Commission; (b) any employee of the Commission; or (c) the United States government, is a party to a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you do not provide the information we request on this form, you are not eligible to receive support under the High Cost support mechanisms, 47.C.F.R. §§ 54.307 and 54.802.

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